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Dear Edward Gideon School families:

**It is almost time to start a new school year!** My entire team and I are excited and ready to safely welcome all of our students back to school starting Monday, August 6th - *the first day of school.*

All summer, we have been preparing for an incredible new school year. We are adding both physical and academic processes and tools to continue to protect everyone's health and wellbeing in our school. Our teachers and school staff are attending special training sessions to continue to support our students' social, emotional and educational needs. Student schedules are being created. Our hard-working facilities team has been cleaning and sanitizing our school. And, our cafeteria workers are preparing to serve your children a delicious and healthy breakfast and lunch each school day. To support a safer, healthier and more inviting school environment for students and staff, our school team will continue their Supportive Environment extensive training sessions which will address a range of content, including relationships; equity; student behavior; social-emotional learning; trauma; mental and behavioral health; and restorative practices.

This year, we're delighted to welcome a few new additions to our staff. Ms. Jacqueline Dixon, Kindergarten and Mr. Tyree Grazier, Middle Years Math/Science teachers. Both teachers will help strengthen the school culture and learning environment.

I invite all of our families to attend our in-person **Back-to-School Open House on September 5th from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** This will be a great time to meet key staff members, learn more about the new school year and tour our school. In the meantime, I encourage you to take a few minutes to visit [www.philasd.org/ringthebell](http://www.philasd.org/ringthebell) for the latest back-to-school information in multiple languages.

All of us at the Edward Gideon School look forward to welcoming students back to school in person on Monday, August 26th! As always, please feel free to reach out to me at 215-400-7360 and [shtaylor@philasd.org](mailto:shtaylor@philasd.org) with any questions.

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